

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A ball valve includes a valve element (22) and a single piece packing (32) that seals the valve element within a valve cavity (20). The single piece packing is ~~called~~ pulled over the valve element at room temperature or may be molded [n] on. The valve element may include a flow control element such as a ball (24) and upper (28) and lower (30) trunnions. The lower trunnion may extend past a lower end of the packing. ~~The various dimensions of the valve element and packing are selected to facilitate room temperature assembly and to substantially reduce the volume of packing material, thereby improving the performance of the valve over wider temperature ranges and pressure ratings.~~